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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room 8-B201
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: LightSquared's proposed network

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As a local chamber of commerce and economic development authority, we are continually looking for ways to make it easier to run a successful business in Poplar Bluff. One of the most important tools is reliable and cost-effective communications. Specifically, ensuring that broadband access to the World Wide Web is available to everyone everywhere, so our Poplar Bluff area businesses can compete in the world.

Unfortunately, broadband access – and especially wireless broadband access – is not available to everyone in southeast Missouri. And in some places where it is available, the cost is so high and coverage is so unpredictable that it isn't a wise business investment.

However, I understand that a company called LightSquared is prepared to launch a \$14 billion 4G LTE broadband network that would cover 260 million Americans by 2015. I would like to see the FCC move with great haste to make this new, proposed broadband network a reality for our country.

My understanding from reading news reports is there is some concern over the validity and scope of interference testing between the proposed LightSquared network and GPS devices. From what I read and what I am told, it appears to be a "he-said/she-said" dispute among the two primary parties. I think it would be wise for the FCC to take over the testing process to ensure that it is transparent and reflective of likely scenarios where interference might occur.

My hope, and my guess, is that the FCC is in the best position to mitigate this disagreement and find a path forward for both LightSquared and existing technologies. I hope you will do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Halter", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Halter

President

Greater Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce/Poplar Bluff Industries

cc: The Honorable Roy Blunt

The Honorable Claire McCaskill

The Honorable Jo Ann Emerson